

THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS NEWSLETTER

"With pride in our past, and faith in our future."

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MAYOR BRUTON'S MESSAGE

Dear Village Residents,

One of my first priorities as Mayor, which I identified in my "State of the Village" address in January, was to gain a better understanding of our municipal water utility. It became glaringly obvious to me, within my first few months in office, that the municipal water utility needs a complete overhaul. Thus far, we have updated the water billing, to bill per gallon, installed remote monitoring on both active wells and tanks, and broke ground on well No. 3, all of which will enhanced our ability to deliver safe and clean drinking water.

The next step, in improving this critical service the Village provides, is adjusting the water rates. Historically, the Water Department has racked up a large debt each year that has been covered by other Village funds. With the lack of financial solvency and the ever aging infrastructure, it is crucial that we take these steps in order to insure this service to our residents.

On the next page, you will see a breakdown of how the governing body has decided to adjust the water rate structure. We hope this new rate structure will incentivize smart and responsible water consumption, as well as creating more financial solvency for the future of the water utility. This incremental step is of the utmost importance to ensure we have a municipal water utility for generations to come.



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Please vote for the Tijeras MVD in Albuquerque, The Magazine's "Best of the City" competition. We have been ranked in the top 5 for the past four years and would love to secure the #1 spot with your support this year. Please visit abqthemag.com to vote for our outstanding MVD services.



NEW RATE STRUCTURE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

\$6 monthly maintenance & rehabilitation fee for residents connected to the wastewater system

Residential Water Account

Residential Base Rate: \$16.58 (3,000 gal.)

3,000-5,999 gallons: \$2.00 (per 1,000 gal)
 6,000-8,999 gallons: \$2.50 (per 1,000 gal)
 9,000-11,999 gallons: \$3.00 (per 1,000 gal)
 12,000-19,999 gallons: \$3.50 (per 1,000 gal)
 20,000 gallons and up: \$4.00 (per 1,000 gal)

Commercial Water Account

Commercial Base Rate: \$27.65 (3,000 gal.)

3,000-5,999 gallons: \$4.25(per 1,000 gal)
 6,000-8,999 gallons: \$4.75 (per 1,000 gal)
 9,000-11,999 gallons: \$5.25 (per 1,000 gal)
 12,000-19,999 gallons: \$5.75 (per 1,000 gal)
 20,000 gallons and up: \$6.25 (per 1,000 gal)

FAQ

The Village of Tijeras is committed to providing safe and clean drinking water. Thank you for your support.

Why was this put in place?

Water Ordinance No. 162 authorizes Village Council to increase rates by 3 percent annually. This increase did not increase in 2018, so the base rate has increased 6 percent total. The water utility has a debt of \$66,000 as of April 2020 and has historically been in a deficit.

How will this change my bill?

Reducing your water intake = a lower bill
 Staying in a lower water bracket = cheaper water

Is this a fair rate?

Even with the new rate structure, the cost is less than the current rates for other municipal water utilities in the state.

How much of a difference will my bill be?

	Current Rate Structure before tax	Proposed New Rate Structure before tax
Residential User 4,000 gallons	\$25.76	\$28.58
Residential User 10,000 gallons	\$86.48	\$93.58
Commercial User 5,000 gallons	\$38.71	\$43.90
Commercial User 21,000 gallons	\$139.67	\$241.90

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It Takes a Village to Get a Following on Facebook

The Village is happy to announce that we have created a Facebook account this week.



ENTER TO WIN A RAFFLE AND GET YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL!



Interested in Receiving your newsletter via email and saving some paper on preparing mailings? Head over to villageoftijeras.com and fill out the "Update Communication Preferences" to help us save paper! If you fill out the communications form by **July 30th** to be entered in a **raffle** for a Village of Tijeras swag bag!

MAYOR PRO TEM'S UPDATE

A Message from Mayor Pro Tem Maxine Wilson

Greetings Fellow Residents,
 I'm sure you will agree with me that it is nice to see the rain. The rain really helps reduce the fire danger, but monsoons bring other warnings we should all be aware of during this part of the summer. New Mexico and other areas across the Southwest U.S. are affected by the North American Monsoon System (NAMS) every summer, and the "Monsoon Season" is designated as the period lasting from June 15th through September 30th. With the onset of the Monsoon, New Mexico is typically impacted by a variety of weather hazards that can often put the population at risk for serious injury or death. Thunderstorm frequency increases during this period, while exceptionally hot days are common as well.

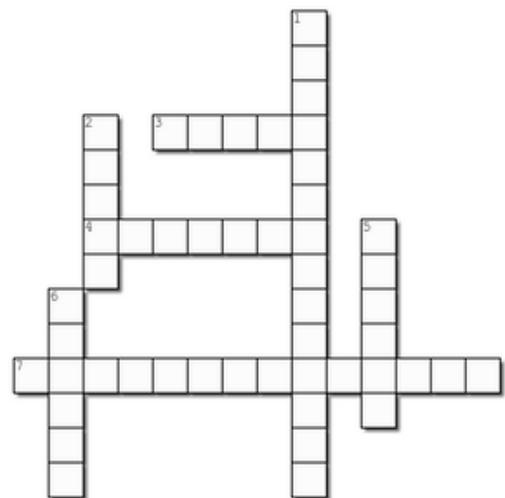
Despite the desert environment of the Land of Enchantment, statistics indicate that significant weather events associated with the Monsoon are responsible for property damage, injuries and fatalities across the state every single year. We care about all our Village residents so let's watch out for one another and follow these simple suggestions in the upcoming weeks:

The best way to avoid lightning, flash floods, and other dangerous weather events during the monsoon season is by staying alert of the weather conditions and avoiding the threat before it occurs. Many opportunities are available to gain weather information including:

- o Monitoring current weather forecasts on TV or the internet.
- o Listening to weather reports on the radio or a NOAA weather radio.
- o Subscribing to lightning and severe weather notification services.
- o Scanning the skies 360 degrees around and overhead before leaving a safe location.



Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.com

Pueblo Indians Sandia Tijeras Canyon Tijeras Pride Faith Bruton

- Across**
- 3. _ _ in our past
 - 4. Spanish for scissors
 - 7. Tijeras was first inhabited by _____

- Down**
- 1. _ _ _ separates the Sandia and Manzano mountain ranges
 - 2. _ _ in our future
 - 5. Spanish for watermelon
 - 6. The Mayor's last name